

AN ACT relative to Cookeville General Hospital and to amend Chapter 223 of the Private Acts of 1961 entitled "An Act to amend the charter of Cookeville, Tennessee being Chapter 542 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee of 1903," as amended by Chapter 161 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 191 of the Private Acts of 1988, Chapter 86 of the Private Acts of 1989, and all acts amendatory thereto.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 223 of the Private Acts of 1961, as amended by Chapter 161 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 191 of the Private Acts of 1988, Chapter 86 of the Private Acts of 1989, and all acts amendatory thereto, is hereby amended by deleting Section 9.01 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 9.01. **Board of Trustees**. Be it further enacted that a board of trustees, nine (9) in number, shall be created and established for the non-profit operation of the hospital facilities owned by the City of Cookeville, Tennessee, and to be known as the Board of Trustees of the Cookeville General Hospital.

SECTION 2. Chapter 223 of the Private Acts of 1961, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 9.03 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 9.03. **Terms of Office**. Be it further enacted that the term of office for members of the board of trustees shall be for seven (7) years, unless otherwise provided for in this section, and no member shall serve more than one (1) full term without a three (3) year break. One (1) trustee of said board shall be a physician who is a member of the hospital medical staff who will serve a seven (7) year term, one (1) trustee shall be

the person holding the office of mayor of the City of Cookeville, Tennessee, who shall serve during his/her term of office, and one (1) trustee shall be the person holding the position of Chief of Staff of Cookeville General Hospital, who shall serve during his/her term of office. All members of the board of trustees shall have the right to vote. The term of office of all trustees, except the mayor of the City of Cookeville and the Hospital Chief of Staff, shall expire on July 31st of the year in which his/her term of office ends, and each new trustee shall take office on August 1st after his/her election.

SECTION 3. Chapter 223 of the Private Acts of 1961, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 9.04 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 9.04. **Successors; Removal of Members.** Be it further enacted that upon the expiration of the term of the initial trustee who was elected for a term of one (1) year, his/her successor shall be elected for a term of seven (7) years by the council of the City of Cookeville in the manner hereinafter provided; upon the expiration of the term of the initial trustee who was elected for a term of two (2) years, his/her successor shall be elected for a term of seven (7) years. In a like manner, annually the city council shall elect for a seven (7) year term, in the manner hereinafter provided, a successor to that member of the board of trustees whose term shall have expired. No action on the part of the city council need be taken to replace or name a successor to the board upon a change in the office of mayor or chief of staff, for the new mayor and chief of staff shall automatically become an ex officio member of said board of trustees. Members of said board, except members of the medical staff of Cookeville General Hospital, shall be residents of the City of Cookeville. A trustee whose term has expired shall continue to serve until his or her successor shall have been elected in the manner herein provided. In the event of death or resignation of a trustee, prior to the expiration of his or her term, his or her successor shall be elected for the unexpired term in the same manner as the deceased or retiring trustee was elected, and shall take office upon election. Such

successor trustee shall be eligible for re-election for a full term. Any member of the board of trustees can be removed from the board by a unanimous vote of the other members of the board of trustees.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.